

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2020-229-E ORDER NO. 2021-1-H

January 14, 2021

C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill
Standing Hearing Officer

DOCKET DESCRIPTION: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's ("Dominion" or "DESC") Establishment of a Solar Choice Metering Tariff Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20 (See Docket No. 2019-182-E)

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION: Motion to Temporarily Stay Deadlines for Notice of Public Hearing Pending Reconsideration and Adjustment of Date by One Week for Notice by Utility to Be Issued Beginning On January 22, 2021, Rather Than January 15, 2021, and Concluded On February 22, 2021, Rather Than February 15, 2021.

HEARING EXAMINER ACTION: Following the Commission Business Meeting on January 13, 2021, Dominion by and through its counsel Matt Gissendanner filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Commission Directive Order No. 2021-26 regarding the dates set for Dominion to provide notice beginning on January 15, 2021, and ending no later than February 15, 2021, to its customers related to the virtual public hearing scheduled for March 23, 2021. In its motion, Dominion clarifies that it cannot provide a bill insert within the dates or time period proposed by the Commission even if the Commission Clerk's Office provides a proposed Notice on Friday, January 15, 2021, for Dominion to provide its customers. Dominion asserts that it needs an additional week (January 22, 2021) to start providing notice via bill insert to all of its customers assuming the Commission will still provide the proposed Notice of Virtual Hearing to Dominion on January 15, 2021.

To accommodate the most economical options available for Dominion to provide notice of the virtual public hearing to all customers, the January 15, 2021, and February 15, 2021, timelines set by Commission Directive 2021-26 are temporarily stayed by this Hearing Officer Directive until further action by the Commission including, but not limited to, (1) addressing Dominion's need for one-additional week to begin providing notice of the March 23, 2021 Virtual Public Hearing to its customers no later than January 22, 2021 and concluding such notice on February 22, 2021, and (2) allowing Dominion to use means available to it to notify and inform all of its customers

through no or low cost options such as Dominion's app, Dominion's website, its social media platforms, electronic emails, and text messages.

It is duly noted that nothing in this Hearing Officer Directive shall prevent Dominion from making the preparations that it deems necessary beginning on or before January 15, 2021, to provide customers notice of the March 23, 2021 Virtual Public Hearing in this proceeding using any means available to Dominion, including but not limited to its app, website, social media, electronic emails, text messages or other means of notification to its customers used by Dominion.